

## Lexington Caucasian.

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Becher's congregation have  
determined to give him for this year,  
a salary of \$100,000.

If there is any man alive who has  
cheek enough to nominate Grant for  
a third term he ought to be shot up  
on that spot.

The editor of the Iron County  
Register goes through life, bearing  
as a burden, the name of Aka. His  
full name is Bill E. Aka.

A man in Kansas City, on the 4th,  
called a lady a "long-tongued vith-  
go," and she fondled his glossy ring-  
lets with a split-bottomed chair.

The Saline county papers speak  
in terms of the highest praise of Wm.  
H. Hill, our new criminal judge.  
He has been holding court at Mar-  
shall for the last two weeks.

In Booneville when a woman goes  
out and hangs herself, the sym-  
pathizing friends of the new made wid-  
ow pass congratulatory resolu-  
tions, and present the bereaved with  
hand with a copy of them.

The congregation of Plymouth  
church are going to take up a sub-  
scription and furnish Mrs. Tilton  
with a house where the chief attrac-  
tions will be the "true inwardness"  
of the boards.

One of Brigham Young's sons is  
engaged to a female seminary, and  
when he goes to visit his promised  
wife, it takes three hours to kiss  
her and a whole day to give the  
parting embrace.

At the celebration of the Fourth  
of July, in Memphis, Tenn., a bright  
young colored school teacher pre-  
sented Gen. Forrest, of Fort Pillow  
notoriety, one of the orators of the  
day, with a handsome bouquet as a  
token of reconciliation. That's the  
best way to fill up the bloody chasm.

Over in Holden the weather is  
hot, and everybody of course sleeps  
with their windows open. The old  
man is continually "broke" of his  
rest" prowling around the house with  
his shoe gun to keep the boys away  
who come round howling "come  
where my love lies dreaming, dream-  
ing the happy hours away."

Frank Moulton says that if those  
infernal old Plymouth church frauds  
do not go to work now, and have  
him arrested and punished for pub-  
lishing that story about Becher and  
Mrs. Tilton, he is just going to be  
as mad as any red headed man can  
be. Loder and Price will be in-  
dicted for perjury. No witnesses  
have appeared before the grand jury  
but Mrs. T. and Mr. Becher, "sit  
in the chair of the "Gentle Chief."

How the whirling of time brings  
things around. Here is Bill Gros-  
venor, the great ground and lofty  
tumbler, and late editor of the now  
dead and damned St. Louis Demo-  
crat, formerly senior member of the  
political firm of "Bill and Joe,"  
stamping the state against old Bill  
Allen, of Ohio. And Joe, the other  
member, is wagging his arabesque  
nose in the con. con. And the chief  
robber of the "Robbers' Roost" sits  
in the chair of the "Gentle Chief."

It is stated as a positive fact that  
the James and Younger boys are in  
Kentucky, and the country banks  
are placing guards over their vaults.  
Why don't the authorities capture  
them? Let a robbery be committed  
in Missouri, and the robbers escape  
and charge it to the James boys, and  
immediately it is trumpeted all over  
the land that the robbers and the  
people are in collusion. Are the  
robbers and the Kentuckians in col-  
lusion? If not let them capture the  
rascals, if they think it so easily  
done. There is reward enough of-  
fered for them to make it an object.

Booneville, a town which is only  
exceeded in deadness by Sodom and  
Gomorrah, worked for five years to  
have a furniture factory established  
there. The factory was established,  
ran a few weeks, was sold under a  
deed of trust, and now the citizen  
stockholders have brought suit  
against the organizer of the stock  
company for fraud, in attempting to  
cheat them out of their money. The  
only thing the factory made was  
something for a jury to sit on. This  
is the same factory which the grass-  
grubs thought of locating at Lexing-  
ton, and to which our citizens offer-  
ed to donate the new hotel and \$15,  
000 in money, &c., &c.

A legislative committee has been  
investigating the workings of the  
police department of New York City,  
and they have found unquestionable  
evidence of the existence of a state  
of facts which has been commonly  
suspected for years. They have  
found that the police are in col-  
lusion with the criminal classes. They  
have found that panel houses for the  
robbery of unsuspecting strangers  
have been established with the full  
knowledge and consent of police of-  
ficials. They have found that one  
officer received \$75 per week from  
four houses on his beat for keeping  
them posted. Not long since an  
officer was arrested and convicted  
for committing a burglary on his  
own beat. The New Yorkers are  
the wickedest people on the foot-  
stool.

## THE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Not many days ago a member of  
the con. con. received from his con-  
stituents a petition requesting that  
he would labor for the repeal of the  
law levying a tax to support public  
schools.

Every day of experience seems to  
be teaching parents that their chil-  
dren should be educated to perform  
some specific line of duty in life; that  
they should not be started out in  
life until they are able to perform,  
with tolerable skill, the duties of some  
business, trade or profession. This  
idea is gaining ground and favor ev-  
ery day. It is an absolute necessity  
that a student should be trained by a  
particular course of study in order to  
become an efficient lawyer or physician.  
It is of much greater importance that  
his heart and his social nature should be  
so developed as to fit him for the so-  
ciety in which he will probably  
spend his life. If an American boy  
should be sent to Europe in his in-  
fancy and permitted to grow up in  
the midst of sons of nobility and  
acquire all their tastes and preju-  
dices, it is doubtful whether he would  
succeed in life if he were to come  
back to America and be thrown up  
on his own resources. He would  
doubtless be haughty and overbear-  
ing; he would lack the faculty of  
adapting himself to circumstances;  
he would imagine that he belonged  
to a higher class of beings; he would  
have a very high estimate of his own  
rights and privileges, and a very low  
idea of those of other people. In  
other words the spirit of the school  
in which he was educated would  
cling to him, and color his every  
thought, word and deed.

This illustration will show how  
important it is that the youth of  
America should be educated in  
schools where the prevailing, ruling  
spirit is the same as that which gov-  
erns the society in which they will  
pass their lives.

The spirit which pervades a Re-  
publican government is, that every  
man should be valued for his own  
merits, that all should possess and  
enjoy equal social and political priv-  
ileges.

"Universal education is the best  
safeguard of Republican institu-  
tions," and anything which interferes  
with the success of our Public School  
system is detrimental to the cause  
of free government, and the happi-  
ness of the people, depending upon  
the purity and perpetuity of that  
government. A man's success in  
life depends upon his own character  
and the manner of his education. In  
other words, to make him success-  
ful he should be educated in a school  
where the foremost idea is the ruling  
idea of the political government.

The spirit which pervades the Pub-  
lic School is the same spirit which is  
characteristic of a republican form  
of government;—the spirit of equal-  
ity. The man who starts out to fight  
life's battle in this country has not  
the prestige of noble family, blue  
blood, high social position, and spe-  
cial class privileges to back him. He  
is on the same level with thousands  
of others, and can only hope to win  
wealth, political preferment, the con-  
fidence and esteem of his fellowmen,  
by his own individual merits. So it  
is in the Public School. It makes  
no difference whose son you are, how  
wealthy your father is, what posi-  
tion he occupies socially, or to what  
party he belongs, you can only win  
the prize by natural intelligence and  
hard study. In the large cities of  
our country, where the law of equal-  
ity has been more strictly enforced,  
a man can gain a business position only  
by his fitness for it, and his ability  
to perform its duties. That is a just  
law of business and the only one by  
which the affairs of the world can be  
successfully carried on. That system  
of education which teaches a man  
that he must depend on himself,  
respect others for their intrinsic  
merits, and to hope for reward only  
by his own labors, is the one which should  
be sustained and cherished in this  
country. For the principles which  
govern the public school are the  
same which govern the country in  
which the man must live and labor.

The spirit which pervades the pub-  
lic school is the spirit of independ-  
ence; it is one of strict and equal  
justice to all. The teacher and the  
school do not depend for support up-  
on the prejudices of a foolish peo-  
ple. The teacher need not cater to  
the social, political or religious  
leanings of parents, and the pupil  
need not be indulged and permitted  
to be idle, turbulent and dissipated  
because he is some particular man's  
child. He must come up to the stan-  
dard or be met with withdrawal  
from the light. So it is in real life.  
If you are not fit to run in the race,  
if you are not strong and brave  
enough to undergo the severe train-  
ing and self denial which is neces-  
sary to fit you for the race, you are  
barred out. If you have not the  
mental capacity to be a lawyer you  
must be something else that you are  
fitted for, if you expect to win. This  
is the chief merit of our public  
schools, that they fill the children  
with the same spirit which rules in  
a Republican government.

A boy or girl educated in the  
school where equality and indepen-  
dence are taught does not start out in  
life with the idea of an aristocrat.  
All their ideas of life, their whole  
character are in harmony with the  
customs and ideas of the society in  
which they will have to live.

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One mile south of Brownsville is  
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a beautiful carpet of blue grass.  
There Billy Walton keeps a hotel, and  
there he made preparations to receive  
a crowd, and every body knows that  
Billy does it well done. A large  
arbor was made, a good floor  
laid for dancing, seats ranged on the  
sides, music stand in the center, and  
all completely shaded from the blaz-  
ing sun. The forest trees shaded a  
large part of the ground, and here  
the lovers of croquet found ample  
opportunity to gratify their desires.  
The Brownsville band furnished  
music, and dancing was freely in-  
dulged in.

THE SEDALIA BAND.  
About 11:30 o'clock the crowd  
from Sedalia arrived, and brought  
their band with them. "Comparisons  
are odious," but we will make  
one. Mr. Rhodes offered to take the  
Lexington Band free of all charge,  
but they would not do it. Sedalia  
Band wanted to attend, and the citi-  
zens of the place paid their way, and  
sent them. Sedalia turned out a  
large crowd, and the Band added  
much to the pleasure of the occasion.  
Our Band was inquired after by  
nearly everybody, who seemed dis-  
appointed at their non-attendance.

Although hundreds of persons  
brought their baskets with them,  
a large number dined at the hotel.  
Billy Walton and his assistants were  
kept on a lively jump to wait on the  
hungry crowd which filled his dining  
room. For more than an hour the  
large room was jammed, as soon as  
a seat was vacated some one else  
would occupy it. We managed to  
get a seat, and we surrounded enough  
dinner to satisfy a hired man. Black-  
water trout suits our palate, and this  
was cooked remarkably well. We  
had a very fine piece of mutton, also  
beef and ham and all kinds of vege-  
tables; also an assortment of pies  
and cakes; and the ice cream was  
very good, the hot weather helping  
to make it agreeable. Altogether it  
was an elegant dinner, and the set  
of Col. W. P. Walton don't set out  
any other kind. We are glad Billy  
is doing well; he deserves it. He  
had fifteen regular boarders, and a  
large crowd was expected in a few  
days.

After dinner we strolled around,  
watching the preparations for the  
coming contest on the diamond field.  
The members of the contesting clubs  
retired to their rooms, and soon  
came forth in their uniforms—the  
Lexingtonians in white flannel shirts,  
drawers and skull-caps, and blue  
stockings; the Sedalia in gray  
shirts, drawers, and caps, and red  
stockings. Promptly at 2 o'clock  
THE FUN COMMENCED.

Mr. Campbell, of Knobloster, was  
chosen as umpire, and H. W. Win-  
sor as scorer for Lexington, and J.  
C. Pusey as scorer for Sedalia. Mr.  
Jno. Shaw, of Brownsville, was ap-  
pointed Marshal, to keep the crowd  
back. In the toes Lexington won  
the choice, and sent Sedalia to the  
bat. The batsman made a strike  
and got to the first base, and won  
the game. At the close of the game  
the generalship began. At the toes  
of the ball the man on the first base  
lit out for the second, but the catch-  
er sent ball in ahead of him, and he  
was counted out. This was a step  
in favor of Lexington, and those  
who had been offering big odds on  
Sedalia now kept quiet. In the first  
inning Sedalia only made three runs,  
and it was expected they would  
make at least five. Lexington now  
came to the bat, and Bowman made  
a strike and ran to first base. By  
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## THE EXCURSIONISTS.

trip to Brownsville—The Base Ball  
Match—Crops—Prospects—Sweet  
Springs, &c., &c.

Last Saturday morning quite a  
delegation of Lexingtonians took an  
excursion trip to Brownsville. The  
ever active and efficient Rhodes had  
put the rates so low that he had  
reason to believe very many would  
take the occasion to spend a pleas-  
ant day, and he had three coaches  
ready for the crowd; but the threat-  
ening aspect of the weather prevent-  
ed some from going. At 7 o'clock  
the train started, and we occupied  
our time in noting the ravages of the  
late storm and of the hopper. It is  
said that the best crop prospect in  
this county is along the line of the  
railroad, and surely that is not very  
fattering. Many miles of fencing  
are gone, or are fast on the ground,  
many acres of corn and other crops  
are entirely eaten up, and much  
more is so damaged as to be worth-  
less. Occasionally we saw fields  
which were unharmed, but they were  
the exception in this country. From  
Concordia to Brownsville the scene  
changes. No storm, and no hopper  
have been there, and the eye is  
everywhere greeted with fields of  
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